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about that that will be a serious menace to British shipping industries. The Americans know that as well as we do. Still, when once they make up their minds that a thing has to be done, they do it, and they do it in a wonderfully quick way with them; they go ahead, and accomplish what is not far in the wake of conception. The wonder is that they have done so little for themselves in sea transportation in the past. As an instance of what American shipbuilders can do on an emergency it is sufficient to mention the fact of the passenger steamer, Christopher Columbus, with a length of 362 feet over all, a 42-foot beam, and a depth of 24 feet, giving accommodations for 2000 passengers, having been launched within 60 days from the laying of the keel. This was for the Chicago World's Fair lake traffic.

When once the problem of practicability and profit has been satisfactorily settled for American shipbuilders, as is gradually being done, the shipyards of the states may be counted upon to give us a large or two in pace, however they may have to be reduced up on the score of good workmanship and durability.

Today the United States ranks below the little kingdom of Norway as a maritime power. Two years hence, in all probability, the merchant fleet of the republic will be second only to that of Great Britain.

INSTITUTE OPENS TODAY.

First Session Will Be Held at the Circuit Court Room at 11:30 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Institute of the Farmers of Macon county will be held today at the courthouse. The institute will continue in session until Thursday noon. Entries close this noon and the chances are favorable to a big display. A number of entries were made yesterday. The committee in charge were busy last evening getting the building in shape for the show. The sessions of the institute will be held in the circuit court room. The following will be the program for the first day.

AFTERNOON 1:30 O'CLOCK.

Prayer.
Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting—Secretary C. A. Thrift, Poyth, President's Address—W. H. Dene, Blue Mount.

Best Cattle—J. B. Kerrie, Bloomington, winner of first prize, Chicago.

Best Hogs—J. B. Kerrie, Bloomington, winner of first prize, Chicago.

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GET THE GROUND

Mr. Millikin Sells Property on Cerro Gordo Street to the Wabash.

THE PRICE PAID WAS \$17,000

Office for the Pacific Express Company Will Be Erected There—Deal Has Been On for Some Time.

POSSESSION TO BE GIVEN MARCH 1ST

The deal by which the Wabash railroad company became the owner of the place of property adjoining the new Wabash depot on the west was consummated yesterday. The closing of the deal means that the new station will have a flank to it that will be decidedly pleasing to the public as well as to the railroad officials.

The deal has been hanging fire for some time. Mr. Millikin having made a proposition to the railroad officials and they have been considering it. Yesterday Superintendent A. H. Robertson of the Wabash was notified to accept the proposition for the company and he did so. The price paid for the land is \$17,000, and that is considered very reasonable by men who are posted on the price of land in that part of the city. Mr. Millikin states that he considers the price reasonable and that he did not ask more than it was worth because the railroad company was badly in need of the place of property. He says that he could have gotten more but that he desired the company to have it as they will improve it and make a park near the depot which will add much to the beauty of that part of the city.

THE DIMENSIONS.

The place of property purchased is triangular in shape, extending from the intersection of Front and Cerro Gordo streets a distance of 20 feet to the Harp street building; north and south it extends from Cerro Gordo street to the railroad tracks, a distance of 120 feet on the west end and running to a point at the east end. There is now a saloon located in the building on the west end of the property and the proprietors of the place have been notified to get out within thirty days. The agreement with Mr. Millikin was that the company should have possession by the first of March.

THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

The closing of the deal will be a source of satisfaction to the Pacific Express people as they were beginning to wonder where they were going to get an express room at the west end of the depot. The original plans of the depot called for express and mail rooms on the west end of the building but when the company had difficulty in securing the ground they wanted the matter of an express room to be a local matter. Superintendent Robertson of the Pacific Express company who has his headquarters in this city has been doing considerable correspondence with the officials of the railroad company as well as with the officials of his company in reference to securing an express room but without securing any satisfaction. The railroad people were willing, but unable to give any promise of more room until they found whether or not they would be able to secure the necessary ground. Now that the ground has been secured the express room will be located.

AT THE WEST END OF THE STATION THERE WILL BE AN OPEN SPACE OF TWENTY-FIVE FEET FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE EXPRESS TRUCKS AND STILL WEST OF THAT THE EXPRESS BAGGAGE AND MAIL ROOMS ARE TO BE ERECTED.

HUT ONE STORY.

Superintendent Dreese now has his office in the Lyon building at the corner of Main and William streets, but he has for some time desired to secure offices near the depot and when the plans for the new Wabash station were drawn he asked for a space of 40 by 60 feet, two stories in height, desiring to see the lower room for the express and the upper room for offices. At that time a definite answer was not given by the railroad people, although no encouragement was given Mr. Dreese in reference to the matter as the security of land made it questionable. As for the two story part that was not favorably received by the railroad officials as they desired that there be an unobstructed view of the tracks east and west of the depot from the dispatcher's rooms which are to be in the northwest end of the second story of the station. Mr. Dreese, when he heard of the purchase of the land said that he would immediately upon negotiations with the railroad officials in reference to securing the two story structure with the idea of moving his office to the building. Superintendent Robertson was asked about that proposition by a Herald reporter last night and he replied: "The express room is to be built on the west end of the station. It will be but one story in height and Mr. Dreese will be unable to secure offices there. We cannot tell at present just when work will begin on the buildings but it will be pretty soon. We have notified the tenants on the ground that we will have possession by the first of March."

AN OLD DECATUR MAN.

One of the jewellers' trade papers this past week contained a notice of John Sheppard, who was the chairman of the committee on speakers of a big banquet given by the jewellers' board of trade in New York City. Sheppard was formerly a resident of Decatur. In an early day he was a printer employed by the Chronicle and Chronicle. Afterwards he went east and established a paper called The Westerner. It was designed to boom the Keystone watch case, but it has now become recognized as the leading trade paper of the country, while Mr. Sheppard is the head of the New York office of the Keystone watch company.

Mr. Sheppard is now in New York City. He is a well-known man in the watch trade and has been successful in his business. He is a native of Decatur and has lived in New York City for many years. He is a member of the New York City Chamber of Commerce and is a prominent member of the watch trade. He is a well-known man in the watch trade and has been successful in his business. He is a native of Decatur and has lived in New York City for many years. He is a member of the New York City Chamber of Commerce and is a prominent member of the watch trade. He is a well-known man in the watch trade and has been successful in his business. He is a native of Decatur and has lived in New York City for many years. He is a member of the New York City Chamber of Commerce and is a prominent member of the watch trade. He is a well-known man in the watch trade and has been successful in his business. He is a native of Decatur and has lived in New York City for many years. 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Gossips of **JUBILEE**
MONTH And Its
Modes

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extravagance." Be that as it may, some stage folk are living examples of the former virtue. The Idema I carried home with me during my week of up to date dissipation as most charming were, first, the sash worn with a gray dress, held by six gold buttons and apertures at the back, with ruffled, short, broad ends; second, the white, short, evening dress tucked right into the bodice, and the sleeves of the gown showing the prettiest possible milkmaid elbow puffs. Then the admixture of gold and turquoise blue in the form of webbing on the neckband and vest and on the gray gown appeared strongly to my aesthetic nose and with the evening gown a bluish rose of pink tulle and white powderings alleviated the virtues of originality.

Was it not clever to twist a wisp of black tulle into sash form, with one long flowing end? The bunch of black tulle in the hair is also delightful. I saw it employed by several of those sage-garçonne women who will not change their coiffure to suit fashion's whims. A relief it is to see pretty hair not distorted into the usual parting and brow curl and downy, but softly waved and gathered up on the crown of the head into a coil, while on the forehead there are a few natural tendrils or curls.

The beginning of the century, though not quite so mild and amiable as the closing of the last, as concerned the weather, has not affected the vogue of frivolous sash and neckties. Every second girl who is smartly dressed wears the flimsiest and most summerlike chemise to skirt. In many cases it is a transparent lace collar and yoke, with the fur bolero turned boldly back to reveal the white contrast it frames. Frivoly can go no further than this in the alliance of fur and mousseline, which in Paris are now actually common.

Another thing I think the introduction of unusual electric lighting has had much to do with establishing the perfectly lovely though foolishly unappealing modes worn at afternoon receptions. Lamp and gas were respectable commonplace, but electricity, softly shaded and cleverly contrived in cut glass chandeliers, produced the brilliant and softened effect of the candle days of the beginning of the century when women garbed themselves very much more diaphanously than even we do.

The easiest way to acknowledge the new feeling for gauze and fur in costume is to order a box of the former, edged with the latter, and to be assured so narrow and delicate that it might be easily pass for chemise, while the ends should hang straight and be rather more broadly bordered with fur. Gold and silver tassels make handsome bows, and even an all fur bow may be glorified by a cluster of gold tassels popples with black tassels. The most modern fashion demands in the torso, to center the muff. In the torque or at the waist belt is a "must." Bows of this character can be worn far

Man's Queer Little Ways.

By the Emancipated Woman.

A LADY in Mr. Rhuftbotham's neighborhood swallowed her set of dentures' teeth one night. She sneezed, and, lo, they were not! Now teeth can chew things, but the stomach cannot digest teeth themselves, particularly teeth made by man; neither will these melt away like ice cream. The teeth lodged in the lady's throat, where they would neither go down themselves nor let anything else go down. She ran a fair chance of starving.

Surgical science has found all its resources to use for the unfortunate lady, and to lose the time, in spite of being of the more advanced and skillful kind, it did not kill the patient. The surgeons X rayed the lady, found the obstructions, and were able, by means of the latest

WOMAN IN LITERATURE

NO CENTURY has been more generous to women than the one that has just closed, and the twentieth century has seen women everywhere vying to "wards" that have been hitherto considered the prerogatives of masculine intellect. Some of the greatest successes of the past year have

"Isabel Carnaby" with a second book, "The Farringtons," which, like its predecessor, is notable for witty dialogue.

The above shows the place that women have taken in fiction. Other fields of literature are practically untroubled by them. Very few poets of the first order are few. There are, however, many writers of popular verse. There are no great women philosophers or scientific writers. Whatever their views or aspirations, with the exception of a few crafters, the women of the past century have expressed their thoughts in the form of prose fiction. The nineteenth century will doubtless see innovations. Women will make great strides in other branches of literary endeavor. Some one has said of literary criticism that they are even so constituted that they may eventually usurp men as writers, just as men are now crowding out women from what have been considered her heaven ordained vocations—dressmaking, millinery and cooking. Even as a maid nurse and housemaid women no longer monopolize their fields. There is not much danger of women controlling the field in literature for other departments of literature will open and other professions will so enlarge that, instead of attracting every needy or ambitious woman, literature will be taken up only by the few who have something to say and who love it for its own sake rather than its rewards.

than its reward. MADGE PORTER.

COOKING TO ORDER.

The family had advertised for a cook. The family lived in a mansion. Throughout the house there were rich articles of furniture and bric-a-brac which had been picked up from time to time in the family's wanderings through Europe and other sections of the globe. Now, it so happened a very wise person applied for a place as queen of the culinary department in this elegant household.

"What is your name?" asked the family.

"Evangeline, thank you," came in reply from the dusky applicant.

"Evangeline, then, tell me, are you a good cook?"

"It's just like this: You see, I can do \$10 cooking, \$15 cooking, \$20 cooking; but—"

There was an undue emphasis on the "but," and Evangeline glanced admiringly about the room. Evangeline knew her little book well.

"It's like to me," she went on finally, "you folks would be satisfied with any other than my \$25 kind."

The family was quite taken aback, but managed to recover itself in time to say it might live to get along as a starter with about \$17.35 cooking for a few months, at any rate.

COUNTRY HOME VISITS.

A formidable feature in country houses is to be found the business of writing names in visitors' books. For many years it has been the custom to keep a large book or album, in which grateful guests write their names on departure. And in large, hospitable country houses these books become in course of years a really valuable collection of autographs. But, like many other useful institutions, this usage has become general and, in point of fact, painfully progressive. Not only hostesses, but guests are now the impertinent owners of these ponderous volumes. Every married woman, maiden lady or "miss in her teens" has a "book," and in its pages you must inscribe your name or perish.

As the young King Alfonso of Spain will soon take the government of the kingdom into his own hands, the ministers of the crown and the regent are seeking a bride for the youth.

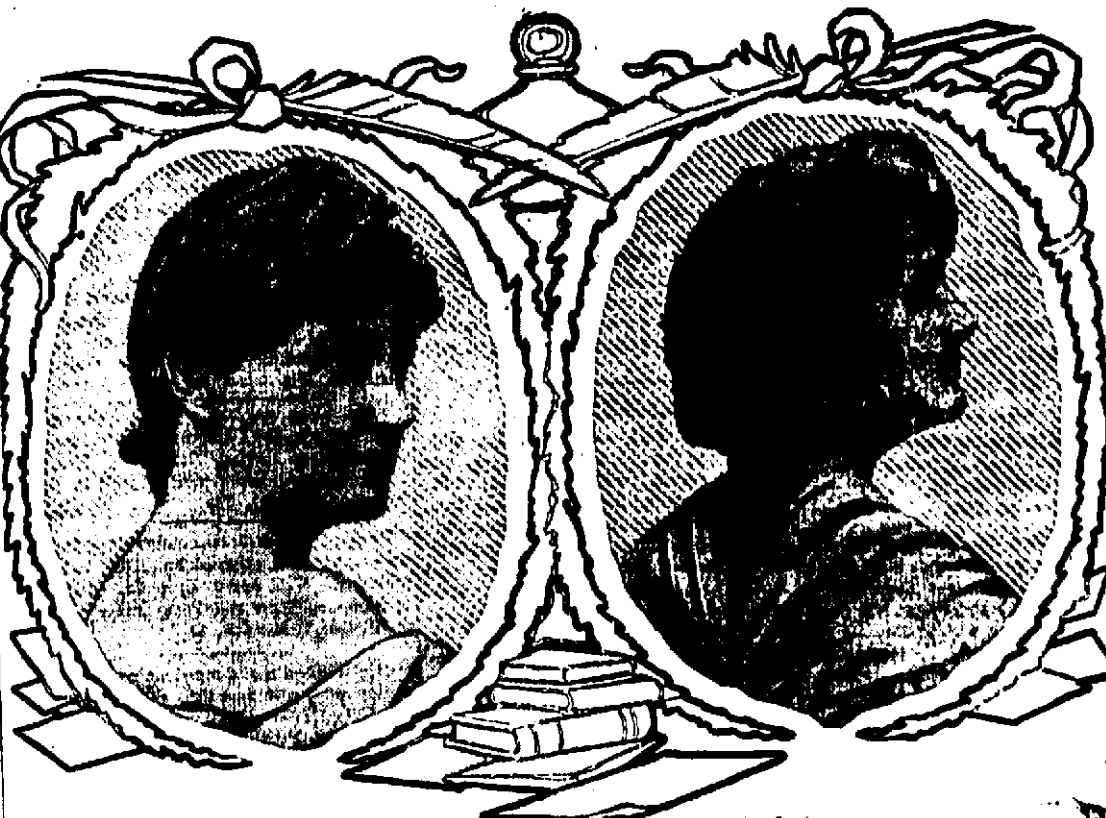


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GERTRUDE ATHERTON.

KATRINA TRASK.

long handled, bull bearing electric surgical grip, to reach down and bring it up with no more damage than some scraped the web of the blueplaid scrappies their way along the esophagus.

The event made a profound impression on Mr. Shuffelbotham. He printed the story of it in journalistic circular poster stints on the woman's page of *The Blivioter*. He drew an arrow warning from the fact that the woman was so frightened and shifty that it made the surgeons' task much more difficult. He declared a man would have kept his mental balance and controlled his nerves throughout. The emotional and tricky female nervous system, however, etc.

For some reason this subject of swallowing teeth began to exercise a peculiar drawing power on Mr. Shuffelbotham. He searched the news columns day by day, if he haply he might find record of some luckless soul to whom the tooth had happened. When found, he made the most of it, printed the incident in scare headlines, dwelled with artistic touch on the attendant circumstances, whether it were lower teeth or upper, whether a full set or one partial, whether they were as machine made or hand baked, whether fixed upon old fashioned rubber plates or upon the latest corrugated aluminum surface. The habit of looking for tooth swallowing grew upon him. And every one of them, when found, he printed with warning comment on his *Blivioter* woman's page.

While this apoll was on him came a day-fateful day-when Mr. Shuffebottom himself wore in his upper jaw a set of teeth made by hands. They were a beautiful work of art, with every gold spot in front to testify that they were natural filched teeth instead of man-made porcelain ones. When passing a mirror where nobody was looking, Mr. Shuffebottom frequently stood still and drew back his lips in a wide grin to admire those teeth. Nor had he forgotten meantime those who had coughed or sneezed their teeth down their throats. What if he had?

One night he awoke with an impression of a great goodness in his mouth. He put up his fingers. They touched, alas, only unhooused, empty gums! The expected had happened. The teeth were gone! "Yuh! Wow!" He sprang from the bed and covered five feet in one leap. He shrieked for Maria. He pointed down his throat, past his desolate gums.

"....." he sneezed. "Swallow

"Down there!" he gasped, "swallow
ed 'em!"
Agonizing pains seized on him. "I
know where they're lodged," he said.
"I feel 'em right here." He bent upon
his manly breast above his heart. "It's
in awful pain! Oh, oh-h-h!" Col-
bourn stood upon his brow.

Marjia roused the house. Adenir Judeon ran for the doctor. The man prepared hot-water on a hurry call. Marjia stirred mustard into it, and her husband drank it. She was glad to see it went down right enough. She thrust him in the back while he lay head downward across the top of a dressing case in the hope that gravity would assist nature to unburden Mr. Shumbeatham.

"No use, Maria!" he gasped between the pains that rent him. "I'll never get 'em up! I'll die, Maria! You'll find me will!"

"Thomas, what's that bright thing the carpet under the bed?" asked Maria.

"By goodness, it's my teeth!" claimed Ruffebotham, straightened up suddenly. He leaped from where he lay across the top of the dressing case, grabbed the glittering thing and popped it into his mouth.

"You've just breathed them out your sleep!" said Maria rather severely. "I heard you snoring awfully night—worse than common."

been made by women novelists, and when one considers that the fiction of a period supplies coming historians with an insight into its manners, thought and dress, the importance of woman's position as the novelist of the day cannot be too highly esteemed. It may be that to feminize, not the masculine, writers future ages will turn for a true picture of the social conditions now existing.

Of women's great literary successes of the past year in fiction Miss Mary Johnston led, with "To Have and to Hold," that sold, up to Dec. 1, 275,000 copies, her "Prisoners of Hope" following, with a sale of 55,000; Marie Corelli's "Master Christian" has already sold 50,000 copies, while

scored a sale of 50,000 volumes. With Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, with "In Connection With the Book," "Claim," has disposed of 15,000 books; Mrs. Humphry Ward's "Eleazar," although first issued in book form only a few months ago, has already achieved a sale of 50,000 copies; Mary Cholmondeley's "Red Petticoat" made another of the season's phenomenal successes, and sold over 50,000 copies; Gertrude Atherton's "Senator North," a satire on Washington social and political life, also was a great success, attaining quite as great a popularity in England, where the author has resided for several years, as in her native country. American Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Bennett), with "Robert Orange," a sequel to her "School for Haints" and "The Wisdom of the Wise," achieved possibly more success in England than in America.

America. Mrs. Craigie is an American by birth, though claimed by British, in whose land she has many years resided. Gilda, a native Italian, sent out a book, her latest contribution being a story called "The Waters of Edora." Mme. Sarah Grand will soon have a novel out before the public, for she has been publishing serially a story she has called "Baba, the Impossible," a character study, the object of which is to show the evils of unwise training. A peculiarly sensitive and impressionable young girl, Mrs. Margaret Deland has not recently published any long story, but her studies in great works, issued in serial form, will probably make up in serial form what she lacks in the novel. "The studies are what I would expect from Mrs. Deland's rather conventional point of view." Miss Ellen Glasgow, a Virginian, Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin, Mrs. Frances Burton Harrison, Mrs. Mary V. H. Terhune (Marion Harland), Amelia E. Barr, Beatrice Harraden and Katherine Tynan are among the best known writers of fiction.

Miss Mary Wilkins, whose hand is skilled in the painting of prose pastels, has just finished a series of sketches called "Flower Stories." They are in her usual vein. Miss Wilkins has many admirers, but her writing is apt to seem monotonous after one has read a

Barth Orme Jewett and Octave Thant may be said to belong to the same school as Mary Wilkins, for they have acquired distinction through their admirable delineation of types of character, in themselves rather provincial and interesting. Ruth McNery Stuart whose delicious pictures of negro life have charmed so many readers, is said to be at work on a new book.

Molly Elliot Seawell, whose play "The Sprightly Romance of Marston" made a hit, is scoring another triumph with her last book, "The House of Kermonte." Miss Seawell is an American woman, a grandniece of President Tyler, a native of Virginia and a resident of Washington.

Mrs. Katrina Trask, whose volume of poems, "Under King Constantine," won high praise from critics a few seasons ago and whose novel, "John Leighton, Jr.," was later favorably received, has brought out a unique collection of stories called "Lessons In Love." These are psychological studies presented in the form of fiction and have all the



Sold by Neutlinger, Paris.

HOUSE GOWN OF ORIENTAL SILK.

* All upon which old beaus are "dotty"
 * For the subject of youth. Who of us
 * Has not observed the "leaning back-
 * ward" movement of 'em when a she in
 * full flush of womanhood appeared.
 * Two objects are accomplished in such
 * a combination. The one eager to man-

"Excessive neatness" is the keynote of the new century costumes, which, I surmise, is the catchy phrase conniving modistes have substituted for "extreme

into the summer, and when milady had had her two or four weeks' rest cured the soft, pretty furbelows will be vastly more becoming than when she toddled off to renew her nerves.

DAISY MAY.

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CHILD'S BOX COAT.

Several days ago Sheriff
received the largest telegram
Clinton, says the Clinton Pa
sent from California and c
tly: 900 words, costing the
It was a copy of a warrant a
William Campbell, directing

